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The invocation was offered by Chaplain Tim Lindsay of the Indianapolis City-County Council, guest of Representative Macer.

The House convened at 1:30 p.m. with Speaker Pro Tempore Michael H. Karickhoff in the Chair.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Representative T. Brown.

The Speaker ordered the roll of the House to be called:

Abbott	Huston
Austin	Jackson
Aylesworth	Jordan
Bacon	Judy
Baird	Karickhoff
Barrett	Kirchhofer
Bartels	Klinker
Bartlett	Lauer
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Beck	Lehman
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Borders	Lindauer
Boy	Lucas <input type="checkbox"/>
T. Brown	Lyness
Burton	Macer
Campbell	Mahan
Candelaria Reardon	Manning
Carbaugh	May
Cherry	Mayfield
Chyung	McNamara
Clere	Miller
Cook	Moed
Davisson	Morris
Deal	Morrison
DeLaney	Moseley
DeVon	Negele
Dvorak	Nisly
Eberhart	Pfaff
Ellington	Pierce
Engleman	Porter
Errington	Prescott
Fleming	Pressel
Forestal	Pryor
Frizzell	Saunders
Frye	Schaibley
GiaQuinta	Shackleford
Goodin	Smaltz
Goodrich	V. Smith <input type="checkbox"/>
Gutwein	Soliday
Hamilton	Speedy
Harris	Steuerwald
Hatcher	Stutzman
Hatfield	Sullivan
Heaton	Summers
Heine	Thompson
Hostettler	Torr

VanNatter
Wesco
Wolkins
Wright

J. Young
Zent
Ziemke
Mr. Speaker

Roll Call 8: 97 present; 3 excused. The Speaker announced a quorum in attendance. [NOTE: indicates those who were excused.]

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that when we do adjourn, we adjourn until Wednesday, January 16, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.

LEHMAN

The motion was adopted by a constitutional majority.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs, to which was referred House Bill 1006, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1006 as introduced.)

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0.

FRIZZELL, Chair

Report adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Employment, Labor and Pensions, to which was referred House Bill 1170, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1170 as introduced.)

Committee Vote: Yeas 12, Nays 0.

VANNATTER, Chair

Report adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

With consent of the members, the following bills and joint resolutions on Bill List 12 were read a first time by title and referred to the respective committees:

HB 1427 — Leonard

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1428 — Huston

Committee on Elections and Apportionment

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

- HB 1429** — Huston
Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning the general assembly.
- HB 1430** — Nisly
Committee on Public Policy
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.
- HB 1431** — Goodrich
Committee on Education
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.
- HB 1432** — Macer
Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning family law and juvenile law.
- HB 1433** — Jackson
Committee on Environmental Affairs
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.
- HB 1434** — Engleman
Committee on Elections and Apportionment
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.
- HB 1435** — Engleman
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.
- HB 1436** — Engleman
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.
- HB 1437** — Engleman
Committee on Local Government
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government and to make an appropriation.
- HB 1438** — Soliday
Committee on Utilities, Energy and Telecommunications
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration.
- HB 1439** — Heaton
Committee on Roads and Transportation
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.
- HB 1440** — Heaton
Committee on Financial Institutions
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning business and other associations and to make an appropriation.
- HB 1441** — Hamilton
Committee on Insurance
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning insurance.
- HB 1442** — Brown T
Committee on Education
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.
- HB 1443** — Brown T
Committee on Education
A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning education.
- HB 1444** — Brown T, Huston
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.
- HB 1445** — Brown T
Committee on Employment, Labor and Pensions
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning pensions.
- HB 1446** — Burton
Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning family law and juvenile law.
- HB 1447** — Burton
Committee on Financial Institutions
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning financial institutions.
- HB 1448** — Mayfield
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning courts and court officers.
- HB 1450** — Mayfield
Committee on Courts and Criminal Code
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration.
- HB 1451** — Beck
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration and to make an appropriation.
- HB 1452** — Young J
Committee on Courts and Criminal Code
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning courts and court officers.
- HB 1453** — Young J
Committee on Courts and Criminal Code
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning courts and court officers.
- HB 1454** — Young J
Committee on Courts and Criminal Code
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.
- HB 1455** — Young J
Committee on Courts and Criminal Code
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.
- HB 1456** — Young J
Committee on Courts and Criminal Code
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

HB 1457 — Young J
Committee on Roads and Transportation
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

HB 1458 — Young J
Committee on Courts and Criminal Code
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

HB 1459 — Young J
Committee on Insurance
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning insurance.

HB 1460 — Young J
Committee on Courts and Criminal Code
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

HB 1461 — Smaltz
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1462 — Smaltz
Committee on Public Policy
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning alcohol.

HB 1463 — Smaltz
Committee on Roads and Transportation
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1464 — Smaltz
Committee on Public Health
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

HB 1465 — Carbaugh, VanNatter, Austin
Committee on Employment, Labor and Pensions
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

HB 1466 — VanNatter, Negele, Hatfield
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1467 — VanNatter, Hatfield
Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation and to make an appropriation.

HB 1468 — VanNatter, Soliday
Committee on Utilities, Energy and Telecommunications
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities.

HB 1469 — Nisly
Committee on Roads and Transportation
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

HB 1470 — Soliday
Committee on Utilities, Energy and Telecommunications
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities.

HB 1471 — Heine
Committee on Roads and Transportation
A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning transportation.

HB 1472—Withdrawn

HB 1473 — Steuerwald
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

HB 1474 — Heine
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1475 — Abbott, Bacon
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1476 — Huston
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

HB 1477 — Huston
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

HB 1478 — Davisson, Bartels, Saunders, Goodin
Committee on Employment, Labor and Pensions
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning pensions.

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

House Resolution 1

Representative Aylesworth introduced House Resolution 1:

A HOUSE RESOLUTION urging Indiana school corporations to permit a student to wear a dress uniform issued to the student by any active or reserve component of the armed forces of the United States or the National Guard while participating in the student's high school graduation ceremony.

Whereas, Indiana has a proud tradition of honoring our veterans and those who serve our country;

Whereas, Indiana is the 16th most populated state but has the fourth largest National Guard;

Whereas, Three out of four Hoosiers of eligible age served in the Civil War;

Whereas, One out of 10 Union Army soldiers enlisted from Indiana. Only one state, Delaware, provided more soldiers in the Civil War based on per capita population than Indiana;

Whereas, The National Medal of Honor Monument is located on the Canal in White River State Park;

Whereas, The National Headquarters of the American Legion, the largest veterans organization in the world, is located in Indianapolis;

Whereas, The Indiana War Memorial Plaza Historic District contains a museum, three parks, and 24 acres of monuments, statues, sculptures, and fountains in the heart of downtown Indianapolis;

Whereas, Indianapolis has more acreage honoring veterans than any other city in the nation; only Washington, D.C., has more monuments than Indianapolis;

Whereas, The Soldiers and Sailors Monument is located in the center of Indianapolis and the state of Indiana; and, when it was dedicated in 1902, the only monument taller was the Washington Monument;

Whereas, These facilities are operated to commemorate the valor and sacrifice of the United States armed forces and to honor Hoosier veterans and Indiana's role in the nation's conflicts;

Whereas, Hoosier veterans and active service members should be proud to wear their official military uniforms at proper occasions and when permissible by their military branch; and

Whereas, While the authority to determine the dress code for high school graduation ceremonies should remain with local school administrations, schools should appreciate and recognize a soldier's dedication to our country and strongly consider permitting these students to wear their official military uniforms at formal school ceremonies that honor students, including high school graduations: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives urges Indiana school corporations to permit a student to wear a dress uniform issued to the student by any active or reserve component of the armed forces of the United States or the National Guard while participating in the student's high school graduation ceremony.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote.

House Concurrent Resolution 5

Representatives Saunders, Abbott, Frye, Gutwein, Hatfield, Lucas, Pressel, Smaltz, Zent, Wesco, Burton, Sutzman and Morrison introduced House Concurrent Resolution 5:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating the officers and crew of the USS Indiana (SSN 789) and future USS Indianapolis (LCS 17).

Whereas, The namesakes of Indiana and Indianapolis have not been used in concurrent active service since World War II;

Whereas, The USS Indiana (SSN 789), the 16th Virginia class, fast attack nuclear submarine, began construction in September 2012;

Whereas, Diane Donald, the ship's sponsor, authenticated the keel on May 16, 2015, and christened the USS Indiana on Saturday, April 29, 2017, at Newport News Shipbuilding, Virginia;

Whereas, Following the successful completion of construction and delivery to the secretary of the Navy, Richard Spencer, the USS Indiana was commissioned into the service of the United States on Saturday, September 29, 2018, at Port Canaveral, Florida;

Whereas, Port Canaveral hosted nearly 6,000 attendees who came in support of the officers and crew of the USS Indiana during its submarine commissioning;

Whereas, The Indianapolis (LCS 17), a Freedom variant of the Littoral Combat Ship class, has been designed for fast and agile near-shore operations with open-ocean capability;

Whereas, The Indianapolis (LCS 17) is currently under construction in Marinette, Wisconsin, and is scheduled for sea trials later in 2019;

Whereas, It is an honor for Indiana and its capital to have the USS Indiana and the USS Indianapolis operate in the United States Navy to protect democracy at home and around the world; and

Whereas, The state of Indiana recognizes the commissioning of the USS Indiana and looks forward to the scheduled completion and commissioning of the USS Indianapolis this year: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes, honors, and congratulates the officers and crew of the USS Indiana (SSN 789) and the future USS Indianapolis (LCS 17).

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Raymond Shearer, Chairman of the USS Indiana Commissioning Committee, and the crews of the USS Indiana and future USS Indianapolis (LCS 17).

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution. Senate sponsors: Senators Kruse and Charbonneau.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 3

The Speaker handed down Senate Concurrent Resolution 3, sponsored by Representative Mahan:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating the Indiana Wesleyan University Wildcats on winning the 2018 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics ("NAIA") Division II Men's Basketball National Championship.

Whereas, The Indiana Wesleyan University Wildcats men's basketball team captured the 2018 NAIA Division II National Championship with an 84-71 victory over University of Saint Francis in Sioux Falls, South Dakota;

Whereas, Freshman Kyle Mangas received the tournament's Most Valuable Player award and All-Tournament Team honors following his 23-point championship performance and Mangas was awarded the Crossroads League Most Valuable Player and Freshman of the Year as a result of his exceptional 2017-2018 season;

Whereas, Seniors Jacob Johnson and Ben Carlson exhibited leadership throughout the season that culminated in a 14-point performance for Johnson and the tournament's Hustle Award for Carlson;

Whereas, Junior Evan Maxwell was recognized by being named to the 2018 All-Tournament Team following his 20-point championship game performance;

Whereas, Indiana Wesleyan has won three National Championships in five years, which now puts them in a tie for the most NAIA Division II National Championships;

Whereas, The Wildcats won the Crossroads League Tournament Championship in the 2017-2018 season while also winning twenty national tournament games in the past five seasons; and

Whereas, The Wildcats never once gave up the lead in the 2018 National Championship game, despite having played five games in six days, and they managed to achieve new levels of growth as individuals and as a team in their pursuit: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the House of Representatives concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors the Indiana Wesleyan University Wildcats on winning the 2018 NAIA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit copies of this resolution to Head Coach Greg Tonagel, Associate Head Coach Jeff Clark, Assistant Coach David Osborn, Graduate Assistant Jordan Weidner, Athletic Director Mark DeMichael, Indiana Wesleyan President Dr. Wright, and to each member of the 2018 Indiana Wesleyan University men's basketball team.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution.

The Deputy Speaker Pro Tempore yielded the gavel to the Speaker.

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

House Bill 1087

Representative Pressel called down House Bill 1087 for second reading. The bill was read a second time by title. There being no amendments, the bill was ordered engrossed.

House Bill 1094

Representative Lindauer called down House Bill 1094 for second reading. The bill was read a second time by title.

HOUSE MOTION (Amendment 1094-1)

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1094 be amended to read as follows:

Page 3, line 17, after "provider" insert ":",

Page 3, line 18, reset in roman "(A)".

Page 3, line 18, beginning with "(A)" begin a new line double block indented.

Page 3, line 20, delete "." and insert ":",

Page 3, line 20, reset in roman "and".

Page 3, reset in roman line 21.

Page 3, line 22, reset in roman "benefits exceeding".

Page 3, line 22, after "year" insert "**five (5) years**".

Page 3, line 22, reset in roman "in duration".

(Reference is to HB 1094 as printed January 11, 2019.)

AUSTIN

Motion prevailed. The bill was ordered engrossed.

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILLS ON THIRD READING

Engrossed House Bill 1060

Representative Bartels called down Engrossed House Bill 1060 for third reading:

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

The bill was read a third time by sections and placed upon its passage. The question was, Shall the bill pass?

Roll Call 9: yeas 96, nays 0. The bill was declared passed. The question was, Shall the title of the bill remain the title of the act? There being no objection, it was so ordered. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the bill. Senate sponsor: Senator Messmer.

Engrossed House Bill 1078

Representative Steuerwald called down Engrossed

House Bill 1078 for third reading:

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

The bill was read a third time by sections and placed upon its passage. The question was, Shall the bill pass?

Roll Call 10: yeas 96, nays 0. The bill was declared passed. The question was, Shall the title of the bill remain the title of the act? There being no objection, it was so ordered. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the bill. Senate sponsors: Senators Young, Freeman and Houchin.

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The House was called back to order at 6:45 p.m. by the Speaker.

JOINT CONVENTION

The members of the 121st General Assembly, meeting in Joint Convention, were called to order at 6:45 p.m. by the Speaker who introduced the Senate leadership, President Pro Tempore Rodric D. Bray, Majority Floor Leader Mark Messmer, Majority Caucus Chair James W. Merritt, Jr., Majority Whip Mike Crider, Minority Floor Leader Timothy S. Lanane, Minority Caucus Chair Karen R. Tallian, Minority Whip Lonnie M. Randolph; the House leadership, Majority Floor Leader Matt Lehman, Majority Caucus Chair Gregory E. Steuerwald, Speaker Pro Tempore Michael H. Karickhoff, Majority Whip Bob A. Heaton, Minority Leader Philip K. GiaQuinta, Minority Floor Leader Cherrish S. Pryor, Minority Caucus Chair Mara Candelaria Reardon, and Minority Whip Justin Moed; and the honored guests as follows: Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch and her husband Larry Downs, First Lady of Indiana, Janet Holcomb; Mrs. Cheryl Bosma; Mrs. Kelly Bray; Chief Justice Loretta Rush; Justice Steven H. David; Justice Christopher Goff; Justice Mark S. Massa; Justice Geoffrey Slaughter; Chief Judge Nancy Vaidik; Judge Robert Altice; Judge John G. Baker; Judge James Kirsch; Judge Elizabeth Tavitas; Judge Melissa May; Judge Edward Najam; Judge Margret Robb; The Honorable Jennifer McCormick; The Honorable Kelly Mitchell; The Honorable Curtis Hill; The Honorable Tera Klutz; The Honorable Connie Lawson; The Honorable Mike Bettice, Mayor of Batesville, The Honorable Lloyd Winnecke, Mayor of Evansville; The Honorable Karen Freeman-Wilson, Mayor of Gary; The Honorable Scott Fadness, Mayor of Fishers; The Honorable Denny Spinner, Mayor of Huntingburg; The Honorable Shannon Kole, Mayor of Martinsville; The Honorable Anton Neff, Owen County Councilman; The Honorable Jamey Noel, Sheriff of Clark County; Special guests of the Governor; Colin Kane, USS Indianapolis Commander; David Grogan, USS Indiana Commander; Brittany Young, Madison, Indiana, Steve Simon, The Last Mile; Cathy Simon, The Last Mile; Chris Redlitz, The Last Mile; Beverly Parenti, The Last Mile; Mary Roberson, Superintendent of Perry Central Schools; Sue McCloskey, Co-founder of Fair Oaks Farms; Mike McCloskey, Co-founder of Fair Oaks Farms.

The Speaker introduced Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch, President of the Senate, and yielded the gavel to her.

Lieutenant Governor Crouch convened the joint session and presented the Governor as follows:

"Members of the Joint Assembly: Pursuant to Section 13 of Article 5 of the Indiana Constitution, the Indiana General Assembly is convened for the purpose of hearing a message from the Governor.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the House and Senate, and distinguished guests, I have the high honor of introducing our Governor, Eric Holcomb."

Governor Holcomb was escorted to the rostrum by Representatives Richardson, Friend, Kersey and V. Smith and Senators Perfect, L. Brown, Melton and Tallian.

STATE OF THE STATE

Mr. Speaker, Mr. President, Madam Chief Justice, Lt. Governor, members of the General Assembly, my fellow Hoosiers.

It is indeed an honor to stand before you for the third time to discuss the state of our state and the work we'll do to make life better for all Hoosiers.

I can tell you this much. It doesn't get old.

For I know just how fortunate we are to occupy our respective offices and to therefore have the opportunity and duty to make a positive impact on people's lives and the state we all love.

That's why I'm pleased to report that, thanks to the energy and hard work of Hoosiers from Angola to New Harmony, from Henryville to Hammond, Indiana is on a roll and the state of our state is strong!

There are more Hoosiers working today than at any time in our state's history.

Our labor participation rate remains higher than the national average while our unemployment rate is lower – lower than any state we touch.

We've tripled the foreign direct investment in our state over the last three years, and we've broken records two years running now for new job commitments coming our way.

Statewide tourism is up, wages are up, in-migration is up, home sales are hot, building permits have surged, and our tech ecosystem is growing.

As important as these facts are now, we're planting seeds to ensure that Indiana's harvest will be bountiful for years to come!

This two-part mission – making the lives of Hoosiers better today while building for the future – has been and will remain my administration's focus.

My aim – to coin a phrase – is to take Indiana to the Next Level.

This isn't a slogan on a billboard or bumper sticker to me. It's an action-oriented aspiration that Indiana can be one of the leading states in the country by any measure.

To achieve it, we must bring the same strength and vitality to our quality of life that we have to our economy. So tonight, I'll dig a little deeper into what I mean by "the next level" and what it will take for us to get there.

Because when I think back to not so many years ago, when our "ship of state" was taking on water fast, when our economy was weak and narrowly focused, when we had no reserves and we were outspending our revenue year after year, we were dead in the water.

But thanks to you and our predecessors, we turned Indiana 180 degrees and set sail on a course to sustainable growth, fiscal strength and a more efficient government.

Thanks to this continuity, Indiana has been transformed from having one of the worst financial conditions of any state to now having one of the best.

Now, I chose to focus on "cultivating a strong and diverse economy" as the first pillar of my ongoing agenda because the first step to the next level must be a vibrant, growing economy. If our private sector isn't doing well, then surely our public sector will be first to be strained.

That's why we can't stop now.

Global connectivity, robotics, artificial intelligence, big data, machine learning and non-stop technological advances are

permanent features of the future of work, workers and the work place. And that offers an exciting way forward to those who embrace change as an ally, not as an adversary.

We simply cannot just maintain our course. Instead, we must throttle up.

Two years ago, we burst off the starting line and kept the pedal to the metal ever since.

We've operated within an honestly balanced budget, protected our Triple-A credit rating, and set aside nearly \$2 billion in our state's savings account.

We've been ranked best in the Midwest, a top five state in the nation for doing business, and number one for small business.

But to stay ahead of our competition and keep breaking those jobs records, we must keep sharpening our economic development tools to give us the flexibility to attract more capital investment and more people to locate here.

So, yes, I will once again pursue exempting military pensions from our state income taxes so we can attract and retain talented patriotic veterans – who we know are some of the most experienced, focused and loyal workers anywhere.

Speaking of veterans, we are fortunate to have a few heroes with us this evening.

In April, the Navy christened the fourth USS Indianapolis. The second ship of that name was lost at sea in 1945. The new vessel will be used for mine-clearing and anti-surface warfare.

That ship will join the new USS Indiana, the most modern, sophisticated, fast-attack Virginia-class submarine in the world – longer than a football field and capable of 25 knots when submerged. For those of you Googling right now, that's 28.77 miles-per-hour. Pretty fast for a football-field-long boat under water.

You'll be especially pleased to know the sailors on board the USS Indiana are officially called Hoosiers.

Ladies and gentlemen, please help me recognize two great Americans: Commander Colin Kane of the Indianapolis and Commander David Grogan of the Indiana. Sirs, we salute you and your crews.

We are justifiably proud of our Hoosier connections to those who defend our nation. Let their service inspire us to reach for that next level when it comes to our quality of life, education and workforce pursuits.

Because, just as with our economic gains, we will not reach our destination in these other critical areas without changing our past ways.

But when we set the right course to steer by, we will make progress here every day.

And that's precisely the role and goal of the other four pillars I introduced two years ago.

For example, we're making real progress building and rebuilding our infrastructure – something that's essential for us to remain the undisputed Crossroads of America.

We're accelerating regional road projects like completing I-69 three years ahead of schedule. We're pursuing transformational rail projects in northwest Indiana, a fourth water port in southeast Indiana, and we're working to make Indianapolis the Midwest destination for nonstop international flights.

But we're about more than ports, planes, trains and automobiles. The internet is just as essential to our prosperity today as highways were a century ago, and we have far too many Hoosiers without access to affordable high-speed broadband.

When I was visiting one of our towns, someone said to me, "Eric, if you come by our Starbucks between 7 and 9 at night, you'll see parents with their kids doing their homework, because they can't get wi-fi at home."

Another Hoosier told me, "Kids in my town go to McDonalds to go online."

Nothing against large coffees and Big Macs. I'm a fan of both. But all students should be doing their homework at home. So, we're making the largest single investment in broadband in our state ever.

To help more people enjoy the diverse outdoor beauty of Indiana, we're also making the single largest investment in our state's history to expand our hiking, biking and riding trails. Because we all know that today, people often choose where to live before they choose where to work, and these amenities matter.

And to that point, reaching the next level requires strengthening our human infrastructure.

Last year, I said that developing a 21st century workforce is the defining issue of the decade. Nothing has changed my opinion or my focus on building a Hoosier workforce that can outcompete anyone, anywhere, any day.

Our efforts and investments are designed to meet the goal of ensuring 60 percent of Hoosier adults have a high-value credential beyond high school. To do that, we must get our kids to start thinking about their career paths earlier in their lives. So we will introduce every student to career and apprenticeship options in Indiana's key opportunity industries.

We'll support students who seek a four-year degree and those who don't, so that everyone has a pathway to a fulfilling career.

Earlier this year, I met a trailblazer who is doing just that: Mary Roberson, the superintendent of Perry Central Community Schools.

Perry Central is a small school, all grades K-12 under one roof, nestled in the middle of the Hoosier National Forest. Through partnerships with local manufacturers like Jasper Engines and Waupaca Foundry, they've created a business on the school grounds.

Students get hands-on experience in advanced manufacturing, product research and development, and also learn soft skills like a good work ethic. The kids learn and earn money. Their parents are delighted. Jasper Engines and Waupaca help students further their education and train potential employees.

When we talked, Mary insisted, "Our kids can be just as successful as anybody," and she's proving it. Thank you, Superintendent Roberson!

A strong economy depends on a world-class workforce. That workforce depends on a great education. A great education depends on great teachers.

I'll bet everyone here had a teacher who had a profound impact on your life. I've had several. I've come to appreciate and respect them more and more each day.

And one way to attract and retain more of those teachers is to make teacher pay more competitive.

In my budget proposal last week, I requested K-12 education funding increases of 2 percent for the next two years. That's a 4 percent increase and equates to \$432 million more than today.

But we can and we must do more.

We're in a financial position to use surplus dollars to pay off a pension liability that local schools currently pay.

Just like paying off your mortgage frees up money in your personal budget, this state investment will save all local schools \$140 million over the biennium with continued savings thereafter.

These two proposals would result in \$572 million new dollars to K-12 schools over the biennium.

I believe local school districts should allocate 100 percent of the \$140 million to increasing teacher paychecks.

That's what we'll be doing to make an immediate impact. And over the long term, I am creating the Next Level Teacher Pay Commission – chaired by Hoosier businessman and community leader Michael L. Smith – to identify resources that

can be made available to make sure our teacher compensation is competitive with neighboring Midwestern states and ready to act on by the 2021 legislative session.

Once again, Indiana will show the way we solve challenging issues together.

Along with improving K-12 education, we must also skill up and re-skill our adult population.

The good news is that we're making encouraging progress. From 2016 to 2017, Indiana's post-high school credential attainment rate grew at nearly double the national growth average and even faster among Hoosiers between 25 to 44 years old.

The number of Hoosiers with a STEM-related bachelor's degree also grew a healthy 8 percent.

But we can and must do more here, too, which is where our Next Level Jobs program comes in.

In 2018, nearly 9,000 Hoosiers enrolled in Workforce Ready-eligible certificate programs. Another 17,000 who previously started college came back to finish their post-secondary educations.

That's why we'll expand our Workforce Ready Grant program to continue our push to get more adults to complete degrees or certificates in high-demand industries.

And that's why we'll double the funding for the Employer Training Grant, which provides financial support to Indiana companies to hire, train and retain Hoosier adults to fill our job openings.

Last October, we announced that the Markle Foundation, along with Microsoft, made Indiana only the second state in the country to land its Skillful program, which helps connect Hoosiers to fulfilling careers. They said they chose Indiana because we're doing, not talking.

Given the urgency around strengthening our workforce, we can't afford to overlook anyone, especially those who want to earn a second chance.

In 2018, we began enrolling Department of Correction offenders in programs to train them for high-wage, high-demand jobs – everything from welding to computer coding.

I said last year we'd graduate 1,000 by 2020 and we're already there, a year ahead of schedule.

We became the first state outside of California to introduce a new program called The Last Mile into our prisons. Its founders, Chris Redlitz and Beverly Parenti, are here with us tonight.

In less than a year, we already have coding programs in two of our facilities, and Google.org recently announced it would invest \$2 million into this proven program that has a zero percent recidivism rate. And thanks to Steve and Cathy Simon, we'll soon be announcing further expansion. Chris and Beverly, Steve and Cathy, thank you all for believing in Indiana.

I also attended the first graduation of a different workforce program. This one at the Madison Correctional Facility.

The graduation speaker was a young woman named Brittany, who had been in prison for five years.

While there, she got training in welding and manufacturing, got the skills she needed, and got a job. That's enabled her to move into her own home and she's now helping her seventh grade nephew and her mom. And one year into her new career, she's earned a promotion. If I had to guess, the first of many.

The best thing, Brittany told us. She said, "I get to wake up every day not looking at bars but looking at family!"

Brittany is paying it both forward and back a generation. Brittany, will you please stand up, so we can stand for you? I'll tell you another group I'm not giving up on. In fact, we

will continue to put our full force behind attacking the drug epidemic throughout our state because, ladies and gentlemen, we're making progress.

Our new 2-1-1 Open Beds program has made more than 4,000 referrals for treatment services and support groups, connecting people quicker than ever, which can mean the difference between life and death.

The number of opioid prescriptions is down, communities are forming their own systems of care, and we are getting drug data faster and more accurately than ever before. But better data means we have more information about the extent of the issue, and it shows we still have a long way to go.

To get there, this year we'll improve access to quality treatment, expand recovery housing, and provide better services for pregnant women who are substance dependent.

We will keep working 24-7-365 to get more of our Hoosier neighbors on the road to recovery.

We'll continue to be transparent and accountable on pressing issues like child welfare, infant mortality and student safety.

Last spring, I convened a group to examine school safety and the resulting report led to recommendations that will enhance mental health services in schools, provide more funding for safety equipment, and require active shooter training and threat assessments in our schools, because that is the world we live in now.

We are putting all of our efforts into implementing this entire plan.

But I have heard from Hoosiers who say we need to do more, and I agree.

Several pieces of legislation related to school safety have been introduced, and I look forward to working with you all, with moms and dads, and schools, as the days ahead unfold.

Ladies and gentlemen, I stand before you tonight proud of the progress we're making in our Department of Child Services.

A year ago we had just started a top-to-bottom review of DCS. Now, we are moving full speed ahead on addressing all those 20 recommendations that not only protect children but recognize the difficult work of those who protect them.

It's still early, but the investments we've made to increase caseworker salaries and improve the workforce culture are making a difference. The ratio of supervisors to case managers has improved, so there is more time for supportive supervision and coaching.

Turnover among frontline staff is down and retention is up, which means more stability between caseworkers and the families they work with. And fewer children are re-entering the DCS system after their cases close.

Now is not the time to pull back resources, right when we're starting to see such progress.

I also challenged our social service agencies to become the best state in the Midwest for infant mortality by 2024, a tall order considering where we've started.

You all approved our "Levels of Care" program to assure that the highest-risk babies are delivered at hospitals with the right facilities to meet the needs of moms and infants.

Now we're seeking to implement two more programs that aim directly at reducing infant mortality: A navigator program to help guide high-risk pregnant women and a program to verbally screen all expecting mothers for substance use disorder so those who need it will be connected to treatment.

These are the kinds of efforts it will take to get more babies to celebrate their first birthdays, regardless of their zip codes.

Finally, we will not slow our efforts to modernize state government to better serve our citizens and businesses alike. But, truly serving all our citizens requires more than increasing our efficiency.

Indiana is one of five states that does not yet have a bias crimes law. It's time for us to move off that list.

I look forward to working with the General Assembly to achieve this goal so that our state law reflects what's already in my administration's employment policy.

Businesses interested in Indiana care about this issue, but it's not just about business. At heart, this has to do with people's dignity and how we treat one another.

Standing strong against targeted violence motivated to instill fear against an entire group is the right thing to do. So let's strengthen our state laws by ensuring judges can sentence more severely when a group is targeted, even though there may be only one actual victim.

With your help, and only with your help, we can do this.

Now I said earlier that a strong economy is essential to determining our desired destiny. To truly reach the next level, our quality of life must be equally strong.

You can see a good example of both just off I-65 in northwest Indiana at Fair Oaks Farms.

Over the past 50 years, Mike and Sue McCloskey went from running small dairies in California to bigger dairies in New Mexico. When they wanted to expand their business, they chose Indiana because our prime location enabled them to reach the most customers.

Today, Fair Oaks has 30,000 cows and is recognized as the sustainability leader in the U.S. dairy industry.

They also transform their cow manure into power for their farms and trucks and have started building affordable housing for their growing workforce.

Mike says this success couldn't have happened anywhere else. He said, "I gotta tell you, there's no better state to work in than Indiana."

Mike and Sue, thank you for planting a field of dreams in Indiana.

So, we have business innovators who could have gone anywhere, but chose Indiana as their launch pad because we occupy the best location in the nation, core to shore.

They stayed in Indiana because rather than hold them back with high taxes and regulations, we cheer on their success.

They're turning a profit, contributing to their community and they never stop thinking about ways to convert have-nots into haves.

Whether it's businesses like Fair Oaks Farms or Forest River, Genesys or Infosys, Lilly or Indiana Limestone.

Whether it's people like Mike and Sue, Chris and Beverly, Steve and Cathy, Mary or Brittany.

Or whether it's commanders and sailors in places we'll never know.

Hoosiers across Indiana and beyond are leading our state into the future – the Indiana way – growing globally and finding creative ways to make lives better, and in the process, taking Indiana to the next level.

I'm going to focus every day on supporting them and steering our great state onward and upward.

May God continue to bless you and our great state!

OTHER BUSINESS ON THE SPEAKER'S TABLE

Reassignments

The Speaker announced the following reassignments:

House Bill 1027 from the Committee on Utilities, Energy and Telecommunications to the Committee on Local Government.

House Bill 1252 from the Committee on Public Health to the Committee on Insurance.

House Bill 1374 from the Committee on Insurance to the Committee on Roads and Transportation.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representatives Cook and Lauer be added as coauthors of House Bill 1008.

BEHNING

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Abbott be added as coauthor of House Bill 1025.

AYLESWORTH

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Davisson be added as coauthor of House Bill 1029.

SHACKLEFORD

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Macer be added as coauthor of House Bill 1032.

HARRIS

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Harris be added as coauthor of House Bill 1059.

CARBAUGH

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representatives Judy and Macer be added as coauthors of House Bill 1063.

FRYE

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representatives Leonard and Austin be added as coauthors of House Bill 1068.

FRYE

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Frye be added as coauthor of House Bill 1077.

MOSELEY

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representatives Judy and Morris be added as coauthors of House Bill 1085.

MORRISON

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Wesco be added as coauthor of House Bill 1127.

MILLER

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Moed be added as coauthor of House Bill 1128.

MILLER

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representatives Negele, Hatcher and Young be added as coauthors of House Bill 1141.

SHACKLEFORD

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representatives Clere and Summers be added as coauthors of House Bill 1142.

SHACKLEFORD

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representatives Clere and Summers be added as coauthors of House Bill 1143.

SHACKLEFORD

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representatives DeVon and McNamara be added as coauthors of House Bill 1152.

HARRIS

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Pressel be added as coauthor of House Bill 1212.

MCMNAMARA

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representatives Karickhoff, Behning and Hamilton be added as coauthors of House Bill 1216.

CLERE

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Hostettler be added as coauthor of House Bill 1219.

PRESCOTT

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Lehman be added as coauthor of House Bill 1235.

COOK

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representatives Huston and Candelaria Reardon be added as coauthors of House Bill 1238.

SOLIDAY

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Sullivan be added as coauthor of House Bill 1250.

DAVISSON

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Sullivan be added as coauthor of House Bill 1251.

DAVISSON

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Heine be added as coauthor of House Bill 1255.

PRESCOTT

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Miller be added as coauthor of House Bill 1262.

AYLESWORTH

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representatives Stutzman and Smaltz be added as coauthors of House Bill 1284.

LUCAS

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Pfaff be added as coauthor of House Bill 1292.

HAMILTON

Motion prevailed.

Pursuant to House Rule 60, committee meetings were announced.

On the motion of Representative Lehman, the House adjourned at 7:35 p.m., this fifteenth day of January, 2019, until Wednesday, January 16, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.

BRIAN C. BOSMA

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